

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Rule 53(b) Continuation )  
Application of: )  
Hans-Willi JANSEN et al. )  
Parent Application No.: 09/779,587 ) Parent Group Art Unit: 1636  
Parent Filed: February 9, 2001 ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING SUBSTANCES WHICH MODULATE THE  
ACTIVITY OF HYPERPOLARIZATION-ACTIVATED CATION CHANNELS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend it as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 14-26.

Page 3, replace the paragraph bridging lines 15-28 with the following new paragraph:

-- Generally speaking, the present invention provides a process for examining  
hyperpolarization-activated cation channels. In the process, cells that express the

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